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c/o Janet Dionne  
Executive Director of the  
Nunavut Inuit Wildlife  
Secretariat

Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board written public hearing concerning proposed 2014 total allowable catch levels for Northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and Striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp**

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB or Nunavut Board) and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB or Nunavik Board) are contacting you to obtain your input – if you wish to provide it – into the Boards' joint written public hearing on the 2014 total allowable catch levels for Northern (*Pandalus borealis*) and Striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp in the Eastern

and Western Assessment Zones. The Eastern Assessment Zone is within the Nunavut Settlement Area, Nunavik Marine Region, and adjacent areas. The Western Assessment Zone is entirely with the Nunavut Settlement Area and Nunavik Marine Region.

In presentations to the Nunavut and Nunavik Boards at their respective March 2014 meetings, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) submitted a briefing note (attached) requesting recommendations from the Boards on the total allowable catch levels for *P. borealis* and *P. montagui* for the 2014/2015 fishing season. The options provided by DFO were informed by a recent Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat report (attached) that gives updated scientific information on the fishable biomass for *P. borealis* and *P. montagui* in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. These – along with other documents comprising the best available information to date – are available for review or download from the NWMB’s website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)) or by contacting the NWMB at the coordinates set out at the end of this letter.

The Nunavut and Nunavik Boards are holding a joint written hearing to consider the 2014 total allowable catch levels for *P. borealis* and *P. montagui* in the Eastern and Western Assessment Zones. All recipients of this letter (or the organizations they represent) are invited to provide written submissions to both of the Boards – duly translated into Inuktitut or English – with respect to the DFO submission and, more generally, the Boards’ recommendations and decisions concerning Northern (*P. borealis*) and Striped (*P. montagui*) shrimp total allowable catch. **The filing deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit/Inukjuak time) on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**All submissions to the written hearing should be submitted to the Nunavut Board** (for administrative purposes; contact information below). Submissions should be clearly marked as pertaining to the “*NWMB-NMRWB considerations of the total allowable catch for Northern and Striped shrimp*”. All submissions must be submitted in both English and Inuktitut. Delivery of the submissions may also be made through fax or electronic transmission, but only if you or your organization confirms by phone with the NWMB – by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Iqaluit/Inukjuak time) on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 – that a complete and legible copy of the transmission has been received by the NWMB. Documents are deemed to have been filed on the actual day of receipt by the NWMB. Unless persuasive written and translated reasons are provided to the Boards for late filing, the Boards will not consider submissions that are not filed on time.

Subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns, all submissions and supporting documentation will be placed on the NWMB’s website, and will be available for download. Please keep in mind that the more thorough, reliable and persuasive supporting evidence and justifications put forward in your submissions, the more weight they will be given by the two Boards in their respective NLCA and NILCA decision-making processes.

Following the written hearing deadline, the Nunavut and Nunavik Boards will make their respective decisions and forward them to the Minister pursuant to NLCA S.5.3.17 and NILCA S.5.5.7.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to visit the NWMB’s website ([www.nwmb.com](http://www.nwmb.com)), or to contact the Boards directly at their coordinates:

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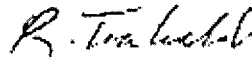
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Yours sincerely,



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